APPENDIX V.

[Vide item XIII—Papers laid on the table of the House—at page 197 supra.]

LAW (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT.

U.O. NOTE No. 6766 C-5, DATED THE 22ND JANUARY 1934.

COMMUNICATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

With reference to the answer to the supplementary question to Legislative Council Question No. 410 answered on 8th November 1933, the information contained in the annexure hereto is placed on the table of the House.

V. N. VISWANATHA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary, Legislative Council office.

ANNEXURE.

QUESTION No. 410—STARRED.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed.

Will the Hon'ble the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 14 of the under-trial prisoners in the Madras Conspiracy case are kept in three small rooms; and

(*b*) if so, how many are kept in each room and what the dimensions are of the rooms and what the arrangements provided for their daily needs and calls of nature are?

Answer.

(*a*) As there was over-crowding in the under-trial yard of the Penitentiary, Madras, 14 of the under-trial prisoners concerned in the Madras Conspiracy case were for a time kept in three large cells. When room was available later on, they were given a separate association block in the under-trial yard itself. Five of them were subsequently classified as special class under-trials, and the remaining nine were given the alternative of having an association block or having the three cells. They chose to occupy the three cells.

(*b*) Originally when there were 14 under-trials in the cells, four were confined in one cell and five in each of the other two cells. Subsequently, when there were nine, three were kept in each of the cells. The dimensions of the cells are 12′ 5″ × 9′ 10″ × 14′ 1″ or 12′ 5″. During the day-time they used the general latrine in the under-trial yard and in the nights they were provided with urine pots in the urinal recesses provided in the cells.